

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A dressing product comprising:

a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system providing a support for the dressing sheet and at least a part of the carrier system is attached to the dressing sheet by said adhesive;

the dressing sheet being releasably connected to the carrier system, so that the carrier system can be separated from the dressing sheet during application thereof, wherein the carrier system comprises a supporting section and a protective sheet in coplanar alignment with the protective sheet adhered to and covering a portion of adhering surface and removable from the adhering surface separately from the supporting section, said supporting section and protective sheet adjoined along a common non-overlapping boundary, wherein a first portion of the supporting section is adhered to the adhering surface of the dressing sheet to define an overlapping region and a second portion of the supporting section that is not adhered to the dressing sheet when the first portion is adhered to the dressing sheet, the second portion defining a non-overlapping region.

Claim 2 (original): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section and the protective sheet are adjoined along a fold line.

Claim 3 (original): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section and the protective sheet are adjoined along an edge portion.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section is provided with a slit in the non-overlapping region.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A dressing product according to claim 4 wherein the slit is

substantially parallel to ~~the~~an adjoining line of the supporting section and the protective sheet.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the carrier system defines an opening, through which a portion of the adhering surface of the dressing sheet is accessible, while the dressing sheet is connected to the carrier system.

Claim 7 (original): A dressing product according to claim 6, wherein the opening is provided centrally over the dressing sheet.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the gripping section extends away from the dressing sheet in a direction substantially parallel to the plane defined by the dressing sheet, the gripping section having a bending stiffness which is sufficient to control application of the dressing sheet.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the gripping section is arranged to extend beyond the bounds of the dressing sheet, and wherein, when seen in a plane view, that length of the gripping section which is beyond the bounds of the dressing sheet is at least equal to the largest cross-sectional dimension of the dressing sheet.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the surface area of the dressing sheet is less than 5 cm², ~~such as at most 4 cm², such as at most 2 cm², such as in the range of 1-2 cm².~~

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the line adjoining the protective sheet and the supporting section may be broken or separated when an operator applies a tension to the carrier system in the region of the line.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 3, wherein the protective sheet is integral with the supporting section of the carrier system, the carrier system defining a weakened braking line at the transition between the supporting section and the protective sheet.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the carrier system comprises a supporting sheet having a bending stiffness, which is greater than the bending stiffness of the dressing sheet.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 13, wherein the supporting sheet is coated with a silicone material.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the adhering layer comprises hydrocolloid particles.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the adhesive is 25-300 μm and the vapour permeability of the dressing sheet is 200-2000 g/m^2 .

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is applied to a backing layer made from a polyurethane film.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the adhering surface of the dressing sheet comprises a pharmaceutically active substance.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): A dressing product comprising:

- a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

- a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system providing a support for the dressing sheet;, wherein the carrier system defines a cavity for accommodating the dressing sheet.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A dressing product according to claim 20, further comprising a cover member for the cavity.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A dressing product comprising:

- a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

- a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system comprise a protective sheet providing a support for the dressing sheet;

and wherein the carrier system comprises a thread arranged between said adhering surface of the dressing sheet and the protective sheet and extending beyond a bound of the dressing sheet.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A method of applying a dressing sheet of a dressing product according to claim 1 to an anatomical surface of a living being, the method comprising:

separating the protective sheet from the adhering surface of the dressing sheet; attaching at least a portion of the adhering surface to said anatomical surface, and subsequently separating the carrier system from the dressing sheet.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 22, comprising applying a pharmaceutical substance to the adhering surface of the through ~~said~~ an opening portion of the protective sheet prior to separation of the protective sheet from the nonoverlapping region of the adhering surface of the dressing sheet.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A kit comprising a dressing product according to claims 1 and a container containing a substance applicable to a surface portion of the first surface of the dressing patch.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A kit according to claim ~~25~~24, wherein the substance comprises an ointment or cream.